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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

657 Eads Avenue

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 657 Eads Avenue, Friday, December 3, 2021 at 10:09 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Nineteen (19) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-one (41) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Dix was the commanding officer of this incident. ***Fire Crews gained entry through the front door and rescued an adult male lying at the entrance. He was treated on the scene and transported in critical condition to Regional One Burn Unit with 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns to 80% of his body.*** The fire was brought under control at 10:34 p.m. There were no firefighter injuries.

It has not been determined if the residence had a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$18,800.00 structure and \$20,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be electrical wiring that malfunctioned in the dining room wall. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

The Memphis **Fire** Department recommends that all citizens maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check alarms monthly and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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